

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 5/28/24

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Baker

Members present: Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan (*arrived after start of the meeting*), Sue Huwer

Members absent:

Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kristine Woleck, James D'Amico, William Jones, Heidi Edel, Dom Cipollone

Place of meeting: Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (5/28/24 at 7:00 p.m.) Web:

<https://zoom.us/j/94943172328> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 949 4317 2328

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 p.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. May 6, 2024 – Special Meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of May 6, 2024, as presented

Made by: Sue Huwer

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of vote:** In favor: Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Sue Huwer

## **III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. K-12 Social Studies / US History Overview**

New standards have been released so we will have to craft a new curriculum anyway. New social study standards reinforce the work that we have already been doing. It has increase on content and inquiry, focusing on civics and being part of a community, gives details across the grades. Will Jones gave background on how they think about developing the curriculum. Greg Flanagan asked about summer reading requirements. Primary schools partner with the town library. High school does not have any requirements.

### **B. NFPS 2024 Summer Curriculum Projects**

It is going to be a busy summer. The projects for the summer have synergy and align to the goals that we have aligned to around curriculum, instruction and wellness.

Curriculum - Understanding by Design Institute, Prek-12 Science and Social Studies

Instruction - Vision of Learner Competency

Wellness - 9-12 Developmental Guidance, Family Education Series

Professional Learning Prep

K-5 Literacy Planning and Prep

**C. K-5 Elementary School Structure - Curriculum & Instruction** - As we look at the consolidation of the 2 schools into one named school, it will be discussed in each subcommittee to see if there are any issues, concerns, etc. The K-5 tools are K-5 anyway, so having it all together is good. There are many other benefits to having K-5 all under one roof. When a school reaches 20 EL students, we have to have different services in place. We have to think about bilingual needs.

**D. February 2025 NFHS France Study Trip** - This trip is in February, and Heidi Edel will be leading it. We have about four students who may be interested. The students would stay in host family homes. We would have a comprehensive waiver packet. There would be background checks similar to what happens in the US. Joel Barlow has been partnering with this school for the past 15 years. It would be one student for each family.

**Motion:** To bring this international trip for the full Board for approval

Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of vote:** In favor: Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan, Sue Huwer

## **IV. OTHER – none**

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Tim Blair

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

Recording of vote: All in favor

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8 p.m.